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these individuals some respite care to enable them to continue to maintain those loved ones within their home.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Time.

SENATOR BYARS: Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Byars. The Chair recognizes on the committee amendment Senator Jensen, Chair of the Health Committee.

SENATOR JENSEN: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the body. The Health Committee offers to you an amendment, and it is just a very simple amendment. All it does is requires consumers, the word "consumers" to be represented in the advisory committee provided in Section 5 of this bill. The amendment was suggested during the testimony in the committee and it is supported by the introducer and was unanimously adopted by the committee and, therefore, I would offer to the body this simple amendment of adding the word "consumers" to the advisory committee. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Jensen. Senator Tyson, do you want to be recognized on the committee amendment? Senator Dierks, on the committee amendment? Seeing no further lights, Senator Jensen, you're recognized to close on the committee amendment. Senator Jensen waives closing. The motion before us is the adoption of the committee amendment to LB 148. Those in favor vote aye, those opposed nay. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 29 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of committee amendments.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. For discussion on the advancement of LB 148, the Chair recognizes Senator Tyson.

SENATOR TYSON: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the body. I rise in support of LB 148. I think that this is something that is a proper function of the state. I do want to take a little exception to Senator Byars' misuse and desecration of the English language. This is not an investment. We don't invest tax money. We spend tax money. I think that this is a valid